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City seniors take first dose of COVID vaccine

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar to sponsor vaccines for 1,000 persons; Technical glitches disappoint citizens

J. Ramakrishna of Hebbal taking the vaccine at District Hospital this afternoon as DC Rohini Sindhuri and others look on. Picture right shows member of erstwhile Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Hosmutt Seer Sri Chidananda Swamiji and others waiting for their turn at JSS Hospital.

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (PM,MTY,RKB, RK&SSV)- The Third Phase of COVID-19 vaccination began across India this morning, covering people over 60 and above. Even those above the age of 45 years who have co-morbidities are eligible to receive the Coronavirus vaccines. In Mysuru, there was a good response from senior citizens.

However, a majority of 60 plus citizens returned disappointed at two Government Hospitals — Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI) Trauma Centre and District Hospital on KRS Road — following technical glitches in CoWIN2.0 portal which did not support registration of names. So, hardly four persons received the jab as against the gathered 30-40 beneficiaries.

While R. Guru, Chairman, NR Foundation, inaugurated the drive and received the first jab at Apollo BGS Hospital, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, noted danseuse, received first shot at JSS Multi-Speciality Hospital. J. Ramakrishna, a resident of Hebbal, was the first recipient at the District Hospital.

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family announced that she will bear the expenses of vaccine cost of 1,000 persons at JSS Hospital. She wanted all senior citizens to take the vaccine.

Sri Chidananda Swamiji of Hosmutt and Dr. Aryamba Pattabhi, a noted Kannada littérateur, received the vaccine second and third respectively at JSS Hospital. As many as 30 persons registered their names to take vaccine today.

(See VACCINE on page 6)

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PM Modi leads the way; receives Covaxin jab

Prime Minister reaches AIIMS at 6.25 am not taking any special routes

New Delhi, Mar. 1 (UNI&Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the COVID shot this morning, becoming the first beneficiary in the nationwide vaccination against Coronavirus. Sister P. Niveda, from Puducherry, administered the jab.

PM Modi was administered the home-grown Covaxin developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) as India today began vaccinating people over 60 and those over 45 who have comorbidities.

(See MODI on page 6)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 1st March 2021

'Samskruthika Kala Prathibhotsava'

Music Varsity to host cultural contest, festival on Mar. 4, 5

Mysuru, Mar. 1- Commemorating *Padma Vibhushan* Dr. Gangubai Hangal's 108th birth anniversary, KSGH Music and Performing Arts University has organised a two-day Inter-Department and College-level Cultural Competitions and Festival titled 'Samskruthika Kala Prathibhotsava' on Mar. 4 and 5 at the University Campus on JLB Road here.

Dr. Gangubai Hangal

The event aims to give a platform for the artistic unveiling of students talent in performing arts. Registration fee is Rs. 250 for team and Rs. 150 for solo events.

For online registration, log on to the University website **[*https://www.musicuniversity.ac.in/*]** or can register on the spot at the University campus registration wing.

Events are as follows:

Mar. 4 — Stage-1: Hindustani Classical - Vocal Solo (15 mins), Karnatak Classical - Vocal Solo (15 mins), Instrumental Solo - Percussion (15 mins), Instrumental Solo - Non-Percussion (15 mins) and Light Vocal Solo (6 mins); **Stage-2:** Classical Dance Solo (5 mins); **Stage-3:** Mimicry Solo (5 mins) and Mono Acting Solo (5 mins).

Mar. 5 — Stage-1: Patriotic Songs + Folk Songs - Group (6 mins); **Stage-2:** Folk Dance - Group (10 mins) and Classical Dance - Group (6 mins); **Stage-3:** Skit Group (5 mins).

Mar. 6 — Stage-3: Mime Group (15 mins).

For details, contact Dr. Dundayya Pujer on Mob: 99640-77736 or Nayana Shivram on Mob: 78923-72389.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

India's vaccination strategy is making a welcome shift with greater choice and more private sector participation. Senior citizens and those with comorbidities getting shots from March 1 at 20,000 private vaccination centres with a reported price cap of Rs. 400, is a huge leap for the vaccination campaign. After 40 days, against a target of 3 crore healthcare and frontline workers, only 1.23 crore vaccine doses could be dispensed to this target group. The challenge now is to ensure that the addition of new beneficiary categories and vaccination sites will boost capacity utilisation.

More people frequent private healthcare facilities. So having their choice of private service provider will provide a fillip to vaccination. Facilitating walk-ins without prior registration could be the other game changer. The Government must ensure that price caps don't drag down capacity expansion, innovation and local manufacturing. Instead it must allow competition, economies of scale and technology maturation to organically discover prices, which could end up lower than present caps. With government facilities offering vaccines for free, it mustn't obsess over private sector strategies. For instance, if a private facility can vaccinate beyond 100 beneficiaries a session — even 24,000 daily as health expert Devi Shetty suggested — free them to do so.

—In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

The most beautiful street art

Boulogne-Sur-Mer: A street artwork in the coastal city of Boulogne-Sur-Mer was recently crowned France's most beautiful street artwork for 2020.

Every year, a popular French portal dedicated to urban art hosts a national competition to crown the nation's most impressive street art. Thousands of votes are cast and for last year, the title went to an amazing artwork created by Spanish street artist Gonzalo Borondo, on the city's rue Jules Baudelocque, last summer. From the right angle, it looks like an elaborate metal gate, with detailed bas-reliefs on either side, but a closer look reveals it to be just an optical illusion.

Gonzalo Borondo is an accomplished street artist, whose works adorn buildings and streets all over the world, but this win is definitely a nice feather for his cap.

Sheepdog sold for 38,893 dollars

Dolgellau: Guinness World Records announced that a Border Collie named Kim that was sold for $38,893 at an auction, broke the record for the world's most expensive sheepdog.

Guinness said Kim was auctioned online by Farmers Marts in Dolgellau, Wales and fetched the steep price of 38,893 dollars, breaking the record previously set when a sheepdog named Henna which was sold for 26,088 dollars at an October 2020 auction.

The record-keeping organization said Kim's high price is especially notable given that the auction occurred one day before the canine's first birthday. Dewi Jenkins, the farmer and competitive sheepdog trainer who raised Kim said, "She was doing everything — she worked cattle and sheep, she was ready for any trials or farm work for anybody."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Risk of osteoporosis is highest after menopause. Osteoporosis-related fractures most commonly occur in the hip, wrist or spine. Medications, healthy diet, and weight-bearing exercise can help prevent bone loss or strengthen already weak bones.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak- Consultant, Obstetrics & Gynecology

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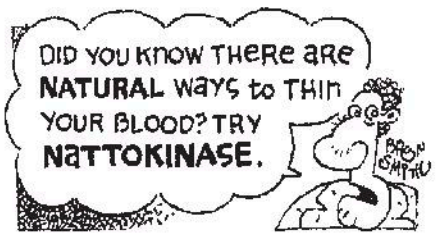


Taking low-dose aspirin daily lowers the risk of heart attack. Aspirin has also been shown to offer protection against stroke and cancer, including lung, breast, stomach, esophageal, colon, prostate and ovarian cancers.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 27	FEB. 28
Day's Positive Cases	31	11
Total Positive Cases	54,086	54,097
Day's Discharges	26	20
Total Discharges	52,842	52,862
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,030	1,030
Total Active Cases	214	205

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Selection trials for District Sports Hostel on Mar. 2

Mysuru, Mar. 1- Selection process of talented sports persons (boys and girls) for District Sports Hostel, Mysuru, will be held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium on Mar. 2 at 9 am.

Announcing this at a press meet here recently, Assistant Director of Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) G. Omprakash stated that taluk-level selection process is already complete in eight taluks of Mysuru district.

Schools have not yet opened due to the pandemic and those who could not attend the selection process at taluk-level due to this reason can directly participate in the district-level selection process. Students studying fourth standard in the academic year 2020-21 are eligible for participation.

Filled in application form along with passport size photograph and copies of Aadhaar card and health certificate should be submitted during the district-level selection process. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2564179, according to a release.

REALLY...?

- ***Champawat Tiger was a notorious man-eater female tiger that roams the forest of Champawat and is responsible for claiming more than 450 lives in Nepal and Kumaon region of Uttarakhand. The tigress killing spree earned her a spot in Guinness Book of Records as the highest number of fatalities from a tiger.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Maths teacher in class
1000 K.G = ton.
3000 K.G what?
Paul: *Ton, Ton, Ton!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.28
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.48
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.95
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.58

VOICE OF THE READER

MGP — A need for a stronger NGO platform

Sir,

This has reference to Bhamy Shenoy's article on whether ***"Mysuru needs an NGO platform like the one provided by MGP"*** in *SOM* dated Feb. 20. The answer is most certainly, yes.

There is an urgent need for a stronger, more vibrant and a cohesive MGP (Mysore Grahakara Parishat) than what it is today for more than one reason.

One of the objectives that an NGO serves as observed by Shenoy is that it reflects more accurately the pulse and aspirations of the people. The information that it provides is more reliable compared to any another source. In a democracy, where getting elected to a public office is dependent on fulfilling people's wishes and aspirations, a NGO's service in providing this information is immense. Also because its members are better influencers to help secure more votes to deserving candidates.

Even more important is the comfort and security that an NGO provides to its members in the course of daily living. Being a part of a group is far safer than being unattached. A NGO platform could also be a source of collective wisdom and a place to go to when one feels short-changed by the system. To exist outside the support of a larger body like an NGO, life could be difficult as time goes by. Let me explain:

Not long ago a random online survey was carried out by a group of individuals to learn about the ease of meeting an elected representative or a government official in one's individual capacity. Also whether one could get a job done in the government without spending money? 211 people took part in the survey. Though a small sample size, the trends observed was indicative.

To the question about the ease of meeting the elected representative or a government official, 53% of respondents felt that both were equally difficult. A shocking 63% said that they had to use a middle man to meet their elected representative. About getting one's job done in the government, 56% of the respondents stated that they had to give a bribe. But should the applicant be member of a strong and credible NGO, the probability of having to pay a bribe is much lesser. Larger the NGO of which one is a part of, faster the response, greater the courtesy and higher the likelihood of a favourable order. This alone should justify the need for a platform like MGP.

The strength and credibility of an NGO can be assessed either by its longevity or the service it has rendered to the community. Using that as a yardstick, MGP's existence for over three decades and the impressive long list of achievement is a cause to celebrate. It is proof of the wisdom of its founding members who put together a set of basic rules of governance that facilitated its longevity. Most importantly, its stress on placing humanity above individual interest and the ability to put aside individual differences and focus on service to society. Its fairness and usefulness is evident from the praise that political leaders, government functionaries and media have showered from time to time. If the city has been considered the cleanest city more than once, saved its water bodies, safeguarded the greenery, stopped polluting industrial wastes entering lakes and water bodies, MGP has had a role in it. It has joined hands or supported other NGOs in the city in their effort to enhance the beauty and health of the city.

The activeness and vibrancy of MGP has visibly declined since the last many months. While some of it could be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, it could be also due to various other reasons. Having said that, it is necessary to find ways to bring back the vibrancy of the organisation which is so very important both to its own members and to the community at large. There are democratic ways to revive it to its once glory days. As rightly suggested by the author, younger people should be enrolled and play a more important role in its activity. The average age of its current members is sixty years or more ! Should MGP grow in strength with more younger people participating, it can become a stronger platform to attract increased attention from senior personnel in the administration and from the political class. Restoring MGP's health and vibrancy should become the immediate mission not just by its charter members but through the collective wisdom of its entire membership.

Last but not the least, had the founders of MGP anticipated a situation when the controls of the NGO comes into the hands of a group of people who forget the greater cause and reduce it to an entity devoid of its potency, a plan B could have saved the day. Alas, there is no end to learning !

—Ashvini Ranjan

Jayalaksmipuram 22.2.2021

Special package urged for coffee industry to survive

Hotteyanda Parvathi Fancy

Madikeri, Mar. 1- Coffee planters in Kodagu are still suffering from the effects of incessant rainfall and landslides of August 2018 and 2019 that resulted in loss of topsoil, crops and yield.

Apart from low yield, spotty summer showers, planters are also facing an acute shortage of labour to pluck beans as most of workers that come from North-Eastern States have not arrived yet due to spread of Coronavirus pandemic. Adding to the woes is low pricing for coffee procured by traders.

In the light of this, Hotteyanda Parvathi Fancy, President of Madikeri Mahila Congress, has urged the State and Central Governments to come to the rescue of coffee planters.

She stated that even though coffee has been one of the biggest foreign exchange earners for the country, the recent Union Government Budget has disappointed coffee growers as they have been ignored.

The Government must fix the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for coffee and pepper, and announce a special package to bail them out of the current crisis. Parvathi Fancy has urged Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to take note of their travails and provide succour to them in the State Budget.

Further, she said, "Robusta coffee has hit a record low price for the first time in the last 25 years. With the current price, growers are unable to maintain coffee plantations and this has been a matter of concern. A 50-kg bag of Robusta cherry bean hardly fetches Rs. 2,900 to Rs. 3,100. With this current price, they will incur heavy losses since the costs of production have gone up considerably. They spend Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 1 lakh on maintenance of coffee plants per acre. Even if they get 20 bags of coffee beans per acre, still it is a huge loss for them. In the coming days, they might be compelled to stop coffee plantation as they have done for paddy."

Natural calamities, untimely rainfall, wild animal menace, high maintenance costs and other such problems have made the life of growers miserable, she bemoaned.

She wanted the elected representatives of the Kodagu raise this issue in Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council or Parliament to draw attention of the Governments. This may help in providing solution to many long-pending problems of coffee growers, she added.

Collect data of backyard coffee

While Parvathi Fancy has made a strong case for Minimum Support Price for coffee as in Kerala, to make her case further strong she should get data of coffee growers who depend just on 1 or 2, or 3 or 4 or 5 or even 6 acres of coffee plantations (backyard coffee). After collecting the data of cultivation and income from the plantation, the Government must be informed on how thousands of small growers are struggling to make ends meet. **—Ed**

City activists to protest axing of banyan tree at Srirampura tomorrow

Picture shows the stump of the felled tree by the side of a similar tree still standing tall.

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (KS)- A group of environmental activists have organised a protest in the form of mourning to express their anger against the axing of a huge banyan tree, near Ganapati Temple, BEML Layout in Srirampura at 10 am tomorrow.

The huge healthy banyan tree which was 12 ft. in diameter was felled on Feb. 27.

The 'mourning' is being held to draw attention of the authorities concerned to take action against those responsible for destruction of a valuable tree, which the activists have claimed as a crime against the city.

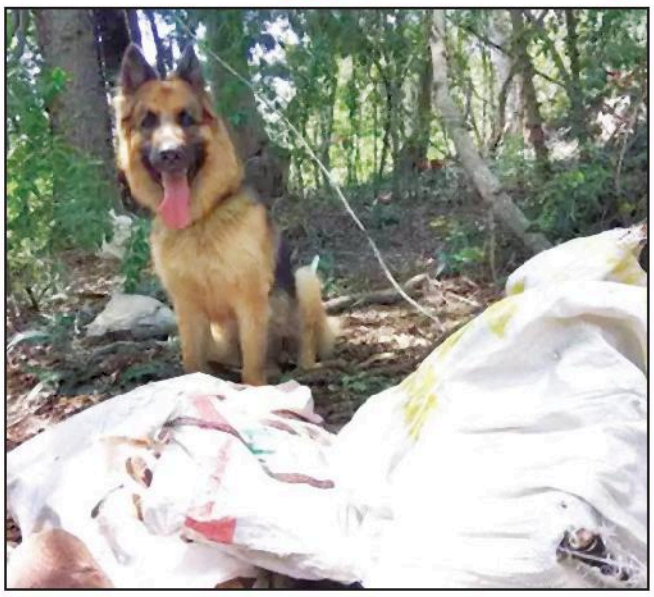
They alleged that while greenery-conscious Mysureans were planting trees to increase green cover in the city, a few were cutting trees without any concern as if there are no regulations. They added that even more shocking was that the authorities seem to be indifferent.

The activists have urged all concerned Mysureans to participate in this solemn event.

For details, contact Mob: 88610-96205 or 94805-05931.

Rana to track tiger in South Kodagu

Foggy atmosphere hinders capture operation



A file photo of Rana, the sniffer dog of Bandipur.

Abhimanyu leading the elephant team.

Vehicles of camping Forest Department officials.

Ponnampet, Mar. 1 (BCT)- Rana, the dashing German Shepherd dog of the Forest Department at Bandipur Tiger Reserve has been pressed into service to track the elusive tiger that has spread terror in South Kodagu.

Even after 10 days of intensive search and combing operations with four tamed elephants led by the daring tusker Abhimanyu, the big cat has not been traced so far.

While the Forest Department officials — forgetting about their families and other responsibilities — are camping in T. Shettigeri, Srimangala and Bellur are sparing no efforts to trace the feline, villagers are getting impatient day-by-day as they are scared to even come out of their house in this peak coffee picking and irrigation season. The tiger on the prowl has already killed a teenager Ayyappa and

Briefing of team by higher officers.

60-year-old Chinni and a couple of cattle heads.

Sniffer dog Rana, aged 8, who lives in Hediyala Range (camp of Special Tiger Protection Force) of Bandipur Tiger Reserve has played a key role in many such operations and is a nightmare to poachers. Rana had caught them at their homes by following their scent from the jungles. It has solved many sandalwood smuggling cases and had tracked those who had escaped with the claws of Prince, a popular male tiger of Bandipur.

Rana hesitant

Last evening, Rana was brought to T. Shettigeri and Bellur where pug marks were found near a stream. Rana caught the scent and moved further from the stream near the house of Mathranda Raghu. There is a steep gradient a few metres from the stream and Rana hesitated to climb the gradient.

This move by the daring dog has made the Department officials to believe that the tiger might be hiding nearby. The Department had erected a watch tower near the area and two sharp-shooters were posted there since Saturday evening. They lay in wait in futile as the big cat did not wander in the locality.

A camera placed four days back near the place where the tiger had left the carcass of a cow has captured the visuals of the tiger coming near the carcass to consume it. Forest officials have identified the feline by its distinct features and said that it belonged to Nagarahole National Park.

Guarding the livestock

Over 150 Forest personnel and a team of 30 officers and two sharp-shooters are involved in the operation and eight teams have been formed to net the tiger. In order to protect the cattle heads and calves of the affected villages, all the animals are being herded to one location where grass is supplied to them. One team of forest guards are keeping a watch at this location.

Interestingly, there have not been any reports of the tiger killing any livestock since the last four days. It is suspected that the tiger might have returned to the jungle or it might be sustaining itself by hunting down pigs.

Meanwhile, South Kodagu is witnessing a foggy atmosphere. As such, it is difficult to spot the tiger roaming amidst coffee estates. As the coffee blossoming season has begun, it is difficult for the tamed elephants to venture into the estates as the flowers are likely to drop due to the force the elephants entering the estates.

The combing operation is entirely dependent on pug marks and on the visuals caught in over 20 camera traps set up inside the thickets.

Two-wheeler lifters arrested by Vijayanagar Police

Eleven cases solved; 11 vehicles worth Rs. 7.5 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (KS)- Vijayanagar Police have solved 11 two-wheeler lifting cases in city by arrested three thieves and recovering 11 two-wheelers worth Rs. 7.5 lakh from them.

The arrested are 34-year-old Shivaraju of Maidanahalli village in Yelwal Hobli, 20-year-old Shekar of Beerihundi village in Jayapura Hobli and 39-year-old Chandra of Shetty Nayakanahalli village in Yelwal Hobli, all in Mysuru taluk.

On Nov. 20, 2020, miscreants had stolen a bike (KA-11-E-4523) of one Mallesh, which was parked in front of his house at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage following which Mallesh had lodged a complaint with Vijayanagar Police.

Based on the complaint, Vijayanagar Police, who registered a case, began investigation and on Feb. 27 at about 7

pm, arrested the three accused near Hinkal Ring Road and interrogated them.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have solved six cases in Vijayanagar Police Station, one case each in Metagalli, Krishnaraja, Yelwal, Jayapura and Hebbal Police Stations.

DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda (Law and Order) and M.S. Geetha Prasanna (Crime and Traffic) and Narasimharaja Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar guided Vijayanagar Inspector H.N. Balakrishna, Sub-Inspectors Ramesh and Indramma and staff Muralidhar, Shankar, K.S. Prakash, Tilak Kumar, Pradeep Kumar and Nandeesh in the nabbing and recovery operation.

BSF Jawan dies in road accident at Assam

Mysuru, Mar. 1- A 34-year-old BSF Jawan from T. Narasipur taluk in the district died in a road accident that took place in Assam yesterday.

Mohan

The deceased Jawan has been identified as Mohan (34), a native of Bettahalli near Mudukuthore in T. Narasipur.

Mohan, who had joined BSF 10 years ago, was on Highway Patrol duty in Assam. Mohan was crossing the Highway on Sunday evening, when a speeding motorcyclist knocked him down. He sustained serious injuries and died at the spot.

Mohan had got married just two years ago. He leaves behind his wife and a one-year-old son. A pall of gloom prevailed at Bettahalli soon as the news of Mohan's death came.

The deceased BSF Jawan's body is expected to arrive later in the evening today or tomorrow, according to sources.

JD(S) will accept Tanveer Sait if Congress acts against him: S.R. Mahesh

Mysuru, Mar.1(MTY&DM)-K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh said that the JD(S) was willing to accept NR Congress MLA Tanveer Sait into the party fold, if the Congress party takes disciplinary action against him in connection with Mysuru Mayoral polls.

Addressing a press meet at his Office near Rama Vilas Road here yesterday, Mahesh said that Congress Corporators supported the JD(S) candidate at the last minute in order to keep out the BJP from power in the civic body. Observing that it was not correct to target Tanveer Sait for having supported the JD(S), he said that Sait had done no wrong as the KPCC Chief himself had told Sait to continue the alliance with JD(S) in the MCC.

Maintaining that the JD(S) was willing to leave the Mayor post to the Congress as per an understanding reached between the two parties post the 2018 MCC polls, Mahesh said that Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's insulting remarks targeting the JD(S) forced the party to contest the Mayoral polls independently.

Declaring that independent Corporators K.V. Sridhar and Samiullah have associated with the JD(S), he said that the two Corporators were previously associated with the party and the JD(S) had convinced another Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, who retained his independent identity till the day of the Mayoral polls, to support the party.

Asserting that the JD(S) was hopeful of bagging the Mayor post with its own strength, Mahesh said that soon as the party learnt that Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda and MLC Sandesh Nagaraj were going to abstain from polling, the JD(S) High Command had asked local leaders to take decision and accordingly, local party leaders decided to go along with the Congress.

Claiming that the JD(S) decision to go with the Congress was taken only at the local level and not by State leaders, Mahesh said that KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar too had spoken to him seeking the Mayor post for the Congress. Even KPCC Observer R. Dhruvanarayan too had demanded the same. As the JD(S) had enough strength on its own, the party decided to contest independently. But soon as the party learnt that two of its Legislators were going to abstain from voting, the local leaders of JD(S) and Congress came together to keep the BJP out of power.

Lashing out at Siddharamaiah for making cheap comments on JD(S), he said that the Mayoral poll results has shown that the JD(S) is very much a force to reckon with in the State.

Mahesh further said that as the per the understanding reached between the two parties, the JD(S) will get the Mayor post for three terms and the Congress, two terms.

Now that the JD(S) has got the Mayor post for the second time, the party is ready to leave the post to the Congress next time. However, this was dependent on the way the Congress leaders treat the JD(S) in the coming days, he noted.

Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, JD(S) District President Narasimhaswamy, City President K.T. Cheluvegowda,former Mayor Tasneem, ZP members Madegowda and Beerihundi Basavanna, Corporators K.V. Sridhar, Shobha Mohan and Prema Shankaregowda, leaders Abdulla, Umashankar, M.N. Ramu, Prakash Priyadarshan and others were present.

MLA performs *bhoomi puja* for Gaganachukki infra project

Malavalli, Mar.1 (SSV)-Malavalli MLA Dr. K. Annadani performed *bhoomi puja* for infrastructure development at the famous Gaganachukki Falls in Shivanasamudra taluk of Mandya district, at a cost of Rs. 4 crore.

At a function held here yesterday, he claimed that while Jog Falls of Shivamogga district has bagged the first place in list of popular natural water falls, the Gaganachukki Falls of Malavalli has secured the second place.

The State Government has released Rs. 4 crore for providing infrastructure at this famous picnic spot. A proposal has been submitted to the Government for the rope-way and other facilities to attract more visitors.

Since Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeshwar belongs to neighbouring district, more funds could be expected for overall development of this place, he added.

Dr. Annadani said the Government has withheld Rs.1,300 crore grant sanctioned by previous coalition Government headed by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and the incumbent CM Yediyurappa was giving COVID-19 explanation for not releasing grants.

Since the Government was borrowing loans to run the administration, let them release sufficient funds for development of Malavalli taluk, he added.

MLC Appajigowda praised Dr. Annadani for putting pressure on the State Government to release at least Rs.4 crore on development of Gaganachukki falls.

ZP Member Hanumanthu, Taluk Panchayat Opposition Leader Somashekar and others were present.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2021

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'ASHWA FIGARO'

for C. Dasharatharama Shetty Memorial Cup

Mysuru, Mar.1- Following are the selections for the 11th Day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (Mar.2, 2021):

1.	2.00 PM	THE CROWN TREASURE PLATE
		1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. SWISS BAY 2. ITALIAN STALLION*
2.	2.30 PM	THE YAMUNA PLATE
		1600 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. VACHAN 2. ASHWA VIKRANT*
3.	3.00 PM	THE GONIKOPPA PLATE
		1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. WOOD CUTTER 2. RAPTOR*
4.	3.30 PM	THE FANTASY DREAM PLATE
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. BROWN BEAUTY 2. ROYAL COMMAND*
5.	4.00 PM	THE SIACHIN PLATE
		1200 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. SILVER DAY'S AGAIN 2. D. HUNTER*
6.	4.30 PM	THE C. DASHARATHARAMA SHETTY MEMORIAL CUP
		1200 mts. - 3 Years (Terms) *1. ASHWA FIGARO 2. FLASH BOND*
7.	5.00 PM	THE APERITIVO PLATE
		1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. NEXT LEVEL 2. INTENSE COMMAND*
8.	5.30 PM	THE STAR ANGEL PLATE
		1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. ABERLOUR 2. DALLAS*

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Simha, GTD write to CM seeking exclusive Water Board for Mysuru

Pratap Simha *G.T. Devegowda*

Mysuru, Mar.1 (SBD&DM)-Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) have written to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa seeking formation of Mysuru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (MWSSB) on the lines of BWSSB at Bengaluru, in order to address drinking water woes and sanitation problems of Mysuru City.

The two have written separate letters to the CM, highlighting the necessity for Mysuru to have an exclusive Mysuru Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

MLA G.T. Devegowda in his letter, has stated that Mysuru is the second fastest growing city in the State after Bengaluru. Pointing out that the population of Mysuru is increasing by the day with the double tracking of Mysuru-Bengaluru Railway line, execution of 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway and improved air connectivity between Mysuru and other cities, GTD said that with the expansion of the city, Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) was finding it difficult to supply drinking water to all localities of the city and at the same time, the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWS&DB) too was facing a tough task to address sanitation and drainage issues of the city. As such, it is pertinent that an exclusive MWSSB be formed for providing uninterrupted drinking water supply and a problem-free drainage system, the letter said.

MP Pratap Simha in his letter, said that the CM should make a Budgetary announcement on the formation of MWSSB.

Noting that though VVWW has been providing water to localities coming under MCC wards, layouts formed by MUDA in the outskirts of the city were not getting adequate water.

Also, the Gram Panchayats that cover these layouts have been unable to ensure proper supply of drinking water and drainage facilities. With no drinking water supply, the newly developed MUDA localities are highly dependent on borewell water.

Noting that most borewells are spewing out fluoride content water, which pose a health hazard, Simha said that it is unfortunate that some parts of the city are not getting water even though River Cauvery flows to the North and Kapila River flows to the south of the city.

Taking note of this, the Chief Minister should announce the formation of MWSSB in the forthcoming State Budget, the letter said.

City seniors take first dose of COVID vaccine

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Beneficiaries were declared 'fit for vaccination' only after initial medical check-up. Dr. M. Guruswamy, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Col. M. Dayanand, Hospital Director, Shivakumaraswamy, Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeeta and others were present.

At Apollo Hospital, the vaccine was administered free of cost to all those who have registered to receive vaccine this morning. Noted among who received the jab included, Jagadish Babu, Chairman, Sankalp Group, Sonam Tsering, Tibetan Monk, Dr. Aravinda Malagathi, litterateur, Dr. Vijayalakshmi, retired Dean, Head, Department of OBG, K.R. Hospital, Dr. M. Surendra, retired professor, Department of Botany, UoM, K.T. Srinivas of National Institute of Personal Management and Bhaskar Kalale, past chairman, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII).

Noted industrialist and NR Foundation Chairman R. Guru (pic. left) and Littérateur Dr. Aravind Malagatti (pic. right) seen receiving the COVID-19 vaccination at Apollo BGS Hospital this afternoon.

4.5 lakh beneficiaries

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri told media persons that as many as 4.5 lakh people are in this category and all will be administered the vaccine in the coming days. Due to technical issues, registration was done both offline and on site.

Those who have taken the first jab must take second dose after 28 days. Since the number of beneficiaries was more in this category, vaccination will be done in more number of hospitals in the coming days. For today, only 30-40 persons will be vaccinated symbolically due to technical glitches and the number will be increased in order to cover all beneficiaries. "We are optimistic that more and more people will come forward to take the vaccine," she said.

At MMC&RI Trauma Centre, four senior citizens received the vaccine. Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean and Director, MMC&RI, Dr. Rajesh, Registered Medical Officer, K.R. Hospital, Dr. Shantha, Senior Nursing Officer and others were present.

Vaccine beneficiaries waiting area at Apollo Hospital

At District Hospital, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, District Health Officer, Dr. T. Amarnath, Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and COVID-19 Vaccination Nodal officers and others were present.

How does Covishield work?

The Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is being manufactured locally by the Serum Institute of India. The vaccine, which is known as Covishield, is made from a weakened version of a common cold virus (known as an adenovirus) from chimpanzees. It has been modified to look more like coronavirus - although it can't cause illness.

When the vaccine is injected into a patient, it prompts the immune system to start making antibodies and primes it to attack any coronavirus infection. The jab is administered in two doses given between four and 12 weeks apart.

How does Bharat Biotech's COVAXIN work?

The govt-backed COVAXIN vaccine, developed by Bharat Biotech is an inactivated vaccine made up of killed Coronaviruses, making it safe to be injected into the body. Bharat Biotech used a sample of the coronavirus, isolated by India's National Institute of Virology. When administered, immune cells can still recognise the dead virus, prompting the immune system to make antibodies against the pandemic virus.

These people will get priority in vaccination provided they carry doctor's certificate

- Heart Failure with hospital admission in past one year.
- Post Cardiac Transplant / Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD).
- Significant Left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVEF <40%).
- Moderate or Severe Valvular Heart Disease.
- Congenital heart disease with severe PAH or Idiopathic PAH.
- Coronary Artery Disease with past CABG/PTCA/MI and Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment.
- Angina and Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment.
- CT/MRI documented stroke and Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment.
- Pulmonary artery hypertension and Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment.
- Diabetes (> 10 years or with complications) and Hypertension on treatment.
- Kidney/ Liver/ Hematopoietic stem cell transplant: Recipient/on wait-list.
- End Stage Kidney Disease on haemodialysis/ CAPD.
- Current prolonged use of oral corticosteroids/immunosuppressant medications.
- Decompensated cirrhosis.
- Severe respiratory disease with hospitalisations in last two years/FEV1 <50%.
- Lymphoma/Leukaemia/Myeloma.
- Diagnosis of any solid cancer on or after 1st July 2020 or currently on any cancer therapy.
- Sickle Cell Disease/Bone marrow failure/Aplastic Anemia/ Thalassemia Major.
- Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases/HIV infection.
- Persons with disabilities due to intellectual disabilities/ Muscular Dystrophy/Acid attack with involvement of respiratory system/ Persons with disabilities having high support needs/ Multiple disabilities including deaf-blindness.

PM Modi leads the way; receives Covaxin jab

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Wearing the traditional Assamese 'gamosa' and a white kurta, a smiling Prime Minister sat down to be vaccinated. As health worker P. Niveda, who hails from Puducherry, administered the first dose of the vaccine to PM Modi, a second nurse from Kerala was seen standing behind them in a photograph tweeted by him. PM Modi, who has hailed the India-made vaccines, was given the Covaxin shot.

"Took my first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at AIIMS. Remarkable how our doctors and scientists have worked in quick time to strengthen the global fight against COVID-19. I appeal to all those who are eligible to take the vaccine. Together, let us make India COVID-19 free!," said the Prime Minister on Twitter as he kick-started the next phase of COVID-19 vaccination in India.

The PM's vaccination was replete with symbols from States where elections will be held in March-April. He wore the gamosa or scarf from Assam and nurses from Puducherry and Kerala administered the dose. The scarf "is symbolic of blessings of women from Assam", officials said. The Prime Minister has been seen wearing it on many occasions.

The 70-year-old Prime Minister has worn the gamosa throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has been seen using it also as a face mask to create mask awareness when the lockdown induced by the first wave.

The Prime Minister reached AIIMS at 6.25 am and did not take any special routes. PM Modi also ensured that commuters, who often face busy traffic at the Inner Ring Road adjoining AIIMS while travelling to their workplaces or return home, do not face any hassle.

MLA Ramdas launches renovation work of two temples

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (RKB&SD)- Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas launched the renovation works of two temples yesterday. Ramdas performed *guddali puja* for the works of Sri Srinivasa Temple at Jayanagar 5th cross and Umamaheshwari Temple in Kuvempunagar. The MLA also sanctioned Rs. 5 lakh each to the two temples from the legislatures' fund.

Later, speaking to press persons, he said, "Muzrai Department is planning to spend Rs. 1 crore for development of temples in the year 2020-21. We will take up development works in 216 temples in the region. Rs. 5 lakh has been sanctioned for roof repair works of the quadrangle opposite Umamaheshwari Temple. Along with this, park development work has also been undertaken."

Ward President Ravikumar, Secretary Krishna and others were present.

Navarathan's Jewellery Show concludes

The three-day Navrathan's Jewellery Show, organised at Fortune JP Palace in city, concluded last evening with ramp walk by aspiring models. Picture alongside shows winners of the show — (from left) Preethi (first runner-up), Deepthi (winner) and M.S. Varsha (second runner-up). Pictures below show Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) - Crime and Traffic M.S. Geetha Prasanna, Kripa Phadke of Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre, actress Amrutha Iyengar of Love Mocktail-fame and Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research-Mysuru Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadananda walking the ramp on the occasion.

Annual Distinction Award Ceremony held

Mysuru, Mar. 1- NIE Institute of Technology (NIE-IT), Koorgalli, held Annual Distinction Award Ceremony in its campus recently.

Sudhanva Dhananjaya, Hon. Secretary, NIE Foundation, was the chief guest. Dr. Bansilal, Principal, NIE-IT, presided. Dr. N.V. Archana, Co-ordinator, Freshers' Day and H.R. Sujatha, Chairperson, Endowment Committee, NIE-IT, Mysuru, were also present on the occasion.

The chief guest presented endowment awards to 87 meritorious students along with other dignitaries.

Congratulating the endowment awardees, Sudhanva Dhananjaya emphasised the need for character in the formative years of career where opinions are impregnated. He explained that Engineering is multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary and it's the convergence of many concepts that final shapes a product. In conclusion, he also called for developing entrepreneurship ideas amidst a global competitive environment and multiple opportunities in higher education and placements.

On the occasion, the institution also welcomed its freshers for the academic year 2020-21 for 5 branches of engineering — CSE, ECE, EEE, ISE and ME — who have undergone a week-long induction and orientation programme to equip themselves for the professional course.

Four faculty members were also felicitated for completion of Doctoral degrees. Donors, parents and awardees actively participated in the event.

The Principal welcomed the dignitaries, briefed the gathering about the latest developments in the campus with respect to infrastructure, training & placement and research.

H.R. Sujatha, Chairperson, Endowment Committee, conducted the award distribution programme. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. N.V. Archana, Co-ordinator, Freshers' Day. H.R. Srinidhi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of ISE, rendered invocation. The event was compered by D. Rajeshwari and J. Pavithra, Asst. Professors, NIE-IT.

Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy anniversary celebrations

Dr. DVG Muktaka Sahitya Award conferred

Muktaka Poet M. Muttuswamy of Mysuru** (sitting centre), **who was conferred Dr. DVG Muktaka Sahitya Award-2020 by Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust during its 21st anniversary celebrations at Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan (Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha) on JLB Road in city yesterday and achievers of various field who were felicitated on the occasion — (sitting from left) Suneetha Chandrakumar (Sugama Sangeetha), Rameshwari Varma (theatre & cinema), L. Shivalingappa (sculpture), Amshi Prasannakumar (journalism), Rtn. H.R. Keshav (Rotary service) and Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna (science & technology) — are seen with Prof. H.S. Lakshminarayana Bhatta (former Physics Professor of 'Kaggada Bhatta' fame, Bengaluru), Academy President Rajashekar Kadamba, Hon. President Rtn. S. Ramaprasad and others.

Tanveer Sait in Bengaluru, to meet KPCC President

Bengaluru, Mar. 1- N.R. Congress MLA Tanveer Sait arrived at Bengaluru this morning to meet KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar over the issue of Mysuru Mayoral polls.

Sait was summoned by Shivakumar to seek an explanation on the circumstances that led Congress Corporators to support JD(S) candidate in Mayoral polls that was held on Feb. 24.

But even before Sait arrived at the KPCC office on Queens Road in the State capital at about 11 am, Shivakumar is said to have a for Kurudumale in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district to offer prayers at the famed Vinayaka Temple there.

Waiting for the KPCC President's return, Sait spoke to press persons and said that it seems that he was being unfairly targeted by a section of the party over Mysuru Mayoral poll issue.

Maintaining that he will explain all the developments that took place till the Mysuru Mayor was elected, to the KPCC President, Sait defended his move saying that it was taken in the best interest of the party and there was nothing personal for him in that. He asserted that he was true to his conscience that he had not done anything wrong.

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Govt. first grade colleges to get 12,500 debonded computers: Dr. Ashwathnarayan

Bengaluru, Mar. 1 (SSV)- Government first grade colleges in State will be provided with 12,500 debonded desktop computers as part of the 'Help Educate', a public-private initiative taken up by Department of Collegiate and Technical Education (DCTE), said Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Deputy Chief Minister.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed in this regard by officials and members of DCTE, Cognizant Technology Solutions India Private Limited and Rotary Club Whitefield Central, District 1390, Bengaluru.

The primary objective of this programme was to help students of government first grade colleges and make a difference in learning as most of them hail from a socio-economically marginalised background.

Dr. Ashwathnarayan, said that under 'Help Educate' initiative, the DCTE has been partnering with MNCs and philanthropists to educate and train students for employment, train professors in modern methodology through Faculty Development Programmes and Digital Teaching and also equip government colleges with digital assets to adopt digital learning which is both a recent trend and also an inviolable necessity of times.

He said that government colleges required around 30,000 computers and now, 12,500 computers have been provided. This contribution worth about Rs. 50 crore would help to fill the digital divide of the students. More Multi-National Companies (MNCs) would follow suit of Cognizant Technology and Rotary Club to help the needy students.

As part of the initiative, Cognizant India Pvt. Ltd. has volunteered to provide 12,500 debonded desktop computers to the Department, which in turn will be distributed among all government first grade colleges to establish computer labs. Rotary Club, Bengaluru, which has offered to install Windows OS and Office 365, will transport computers and install them at respective colleges.

Naveen Rao, Head, Cognizant Bengaluru Centre, said that under the "Digital Inclusion" initiative of 'Cognizant Outreach,' an employee-led volunteering programme, the company has been supporting educational institutions, community libraries and other institutions across the country with computer infrastructure to help them tide over the disruption by adopting digital learning.

Rtn. Nagendra Prasad, Governor, District 1390 expressed confidence that the initiative would lend steadfast support to students of government first grade colleges to benefit adequately from the Karnataka LMS-based Digital Learning.

P. Pradeep, Commissioner, Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Deepak Prabhu Matti, Director CSR, Cognizant, Hari Singh, Assistant Vice-President, Global Procurement, Cognizant and others were present.

UoM plans two more hostels to meet students' demand

Seeks 5-acre CA site from MUDA

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (SSV)- University of Mysore (UoM) has proposed to construct two more hostels in the wake of increase in the enrolment of students to various courses offered by the Varsity.

"We have sought funds from Department of Social Welfare. Along with it, a proposal has been submitted to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) for allotment of a Civic Amenity (CA) site measuring a minimum of five acres. The hostels construction work will begin once we get the funds and land," said UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar.

According to him, the number of students seeking hostel facility has doubled in the last five years. It was the responsibility of the Varsity to provide hostel facility on par with the demand. Arrangements are made for the additional staff members and for necessary infrastructure. At present, 1.29 lakh students have enrolled for various courses and 26,000 students receive degree every year. The demand for new courses was on par with that demand for higher education. There are 17 hostels in Manasagangothri and one each in Hassan, Mandya and Chamarajanagar. In total , there are 3,200 students but there was not much of hostels in tune with demand.

Final exams from Mar 13

The VC said the second and final year examination of BA, B.Com and B.Sc courses will begin from March 13 and will end in the first week of April. Exams will be held as per COVID-19 protocol. The classes will resume after the examination, he added.

Convocation next month

The VC said the Varsity convocation is likely to be held during the end of next month for which preparations are on. The Governor's permission has been sought to constitute a committee for the selection of candidates to bestow honorary doctorates.

Cauvery Pharmacy College holds 'NeoPhyte' programme

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (KS) - City's Cauvery College of Pharmacy, had organised 'NeoPhyte' programme for its new students at its premises in city recently.

The programme was inaugurated by University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar. Corporator G. Roopa was the guest of honour.

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar in his address stressed on the role of Pharmacists and appreciated their participation in the fight against Covid-19, while Corporator Roopa enlightened the students regarding the future prospects for pharmacy graduates.

Cauvery Group of Institution & Cauvery Heart & Multi-Speciality Hospital Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, who presided, encouraged students for active participation in building healthy society. Dr. Gurkukar Mathews (Dean-Academics), Cauvery Group of Institutions proposed the vote of thanks. Earlier, Dr. Vijay Kumar, Principal, Cauvery College of Pharmacy Principal Dr. Vijay Kumar welcomed the gathering. Chief Administrative Officer P.S. Ganesh Prabhu, Vice-Principal of Cauvery College of Pharmacy Dr. Kiran Kumar Hullatti and others were present.

Tumkur University VC asks K-SET, NET aspirants to also get prepared for NEP

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (PM&DM)- Tumkur University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda has asked K-SET and UGC-NET aspirants to also get prepared for the new National Education Policy (NEP).

He was speaking after launching the 45-day coaching classes for K-SET and UGC-NET organised by the Competitive exams coaching centre of KSOU at Cauvery auditorium in Muktagangothri here recently.

Noting that there is a lot of difference between the teaching methods in older days to the newer and innovative methods of today driven by technology, Prof. Siddegowda said that with advancements in science and technology, changes have been effected in education and accordingly the New Education Policy (NEP) will come into force.

Pointing out that teaching job aspirants have to also get prepared for NEP, as teaching methods will undergo a drastic change shortly with the implementation of NEP, he said that technology has made teaching simpler, with every information available at finger tips now.

Likening exam preparations to that of meditation,where the candidates have to get prepared with dedication,determination and concentration, Prof. Siddegowda said that it is equally important for the aspirants to develop life skills, study skills and professional skills.

Maintaining that Indians will constitute 60 percent of the global youth population by 2024, he said that even the United Nations(UN)'s sustainable development index report has said that a young India will make remarkable progress by 2032.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar said that the University has planned to start a full-fledged Civil service exam coaching centre, for which preparations are underway. A digital studio with video facilities is being established for the purpose, he added.

KSOU Competitive exams coaching centre Co-ordinator Jainahalli Sathyanarayana Gowda said that the centre has coached 1,900 civil service and KAS exam aspirants through online classes in recent days. Now, more than 250 K-SET and UGC-NET aspirants from across the state are attending this physical coaching classes which will be held for 45 days, he added.

Saragur Govt. School girl student bags 'Bala Gourava' Award

A. Chandana

Mysuru, Mar. 1- A. Chandana, a student from GB Saragur of H.D. Kote taluk, who had recently secured second place at the National-level Kala Utsav, has been selected for 'Bala Gourava' Award instituted by Karnataka Balavikas Academy.

Karnataka Balavikas Academy has been conferring 'Bala Gourava' Award on children of the State, who have excelled in science, sports, acting, arts, music, dance, handicrafts, writing and similar fields at Taluk, District, State, National or International level.

One each from four divisions of the State are selected for the Award.

Minister Limbavali to lead delegation to Delhi on barricading forest borders

Bengaluru, Mar. 1 (SSV)- A delegation of legislators of wildlife infested Assembly constituencies will be taken to New Delhi to seek permission for constructing the barricade on fringes of forests under Compensatory Afforestration Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to prevent the wild animals from straying into human habitation, said Forest Minister Arvind Limbavali.

He was speaking at a meeting of MLAs' whose constituencies have been affected due to frequent attacks of wild animals at Vidhana Soudha here recently.

Limbavali said the Forest Department has plans to build barricade 624 km long barricade of which 165 km has been barricaded. Another 450 km of barricading work was pending and it required Rs.550 crore. Since this work needs the Union Government's permission, a delegation of legislators concerned will be taken to Delhi soon to meet Union Minister Prakash Javedkar.

He said complaints about the harassment of forest dwellers by Forest Department officers have come to his notice and instructions have been issued asking them change their behavior. In fact, distribution of title deeds to forest dwellers and providing basic facilities to haadis (tribal hamlets). Decision to this effect will be taken soon, he added.

Legislators, who spoke at the meeting, urged the State Government for the speedy disposal of compensation to kin of those who were killed in wild animals attack, hike in crop compensation and increase in compensation amount for the death of cattle and other small animals on par with the market price, improvement of connecting roads to haadis and inside forests.

The Minister promised to convene a meeting of top brass of the Department to discuss all their suggestions and will take decision at the earliest.

Those who participated in the meeting included Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri, Speaker, State Legislative Assembly, S.Angara, Minister for Ports and Inland Water, Shivaram Hebbar, Labour Minister and K.G.Bopaiah, Appachu Ranjan, H.K.Kumaraswamy, Araga Jnanendra, V.Sunil Kumar, T.D.Rajegowda, R.V.Deshpande, N.Mahesh, Sunil B.Naik, Roopali Santosh Naik and others.

Street vendors receive micro loans from MCC

Special campaign to distribute loans being held at three banks; Loan distribution to be held on Mar. 6 and 13

Mysuru, Mar.1 (RK&KS)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), under PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, a special micro-credit facility for street vendors, had organised a special drive to distribute loans to street vendors at three Regional Business Offices (RBOs) in city on Saturday.

About 200 beneficiaries were distributed loans at the Small and Medium Enterprises Centre of State Bank of India on Bamboo Bazaar Road. The loans were distributed by MCC Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar.

The special drive is also being held at Bank of Baroda and Karnataka Bank and will also be held on Mar. 6 and 13 at the three RBOs. Till Feb. 26, 2021, 19,091 loan applications were received out of which loans for 8,260 applications have been sanctioned. Each beneficiary will receive a loan of Rs. 10,000. Community Affairs Officer Shivappa, Mission Manager Dr. G.S. Bhyralingaiah, RBO Chief Managers Santosh Shastry, Vibha Chandran and others were present.

TKM signs skill development MOU with ATME College

Mysuru, Mar.1 (KS) - In line with its unwavering commitment to contribute to Skill India Mission, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ATME College of Engineering [ATMECE], Mysuru, for Faculty and Student Skill Development Initiatives.

TKM through its training arm, Toyota Learning and Development India has initiated the tie-up with ATMECE. The initiative is focused on sharing Toyota's best practices with the faculty, bridge the industry-academia gap and equip students with employable skills. Sharing his thoughts on the tie-up, G. Shankara, Vice President, Human Resources and Services Group, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "We believe that the success of Toyota comes from our people. We are a people-oriented company. In this perspective, we take care of the holistic well-being of every member by developing their skill, knowledge, and attitude from a mid-to-long-term perspective. Through this initiative, we would like to share Toyota's best practices to the youth which will enable them to become skilled technicians."

ATMECE Principal Dr. L. Basavaraj said, "We are happy to associate with Toyota Kirloskar Motor. We aim to develop our students in line with our vision of 'Molding better tomorrow through educational, cultural and sports excellence.' It is time to create a nurturing environment where industry and academia can work together and lay the foundation for economic progress. Together, we can enhance the abilities and prospects of young students with a spirit to constantly learn, share skill, knowledge and transform them to industry-ready technicians with desired skillsets and competencies."

"The course comprises 90 per cent practical exposure to Toyota's skill practices and 10 per cent emphasis on theoretical aspects. A total of 180 hours of the syllabus is planned under this programme, of which, 110 hours will be imparted at TKM's factory premises and 70 hours will be covered in the college", Dr. Basavaraj added.

Under the MoU, students will be trained based on a semester-wise skill enhancement plan which includes topics like lean manufacturing principles, xEV technologies, automobile technology, industrial safety, environment management system, total quality management, supply chain management, automobile welding, car painting, mechatronics, automation and robotics, etc.

TKM trainers are certified by Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC), Japan and Asia-Pacific Global Production Center (AP-GPC), Thailand. Further, Toyota Master Class Series and Certificate Courses will also be made available to the students to help hone their skills.

Aata-e-Rasool-o-Kwaja-Hind-Garibun-Nawaz celebrated

Mysuru, Mar. 1 (KS) - Jamiya Wabastaqan Silsilah-e-Ashrafiya, Mysuru, as part of 809th Annual Sandal Urus Shariff of Sufi Saint Hazarath Kwaja Garibun Nawaz Chisty, Ajmeer Shariff, Rajasthan, celebrated Aata-e-Rasool-o-Kwaja-Hind-Garibun-Nawaz at a private function hall in city recently.

The celebration was held under the Chairmanship of Sufi Hazarath Moulana Mohd. Anwar Ahmed Nizami, Hon. Secretary of Azeezia Education Trust, Mysuru.

The programme began with the recital of verses from the Holy Quran by Hazarath Moulana Mohd. Inayath-Ur-Rehaman Razvi and phrases of Prophet Muhammed was read by Moulana Abdul Hanan, Naqshbandi and Hafiz Adil Ashrafi of Mumbai.

International Islamic Scholar Sufi Saint Hazarath Moulana Syed Mohd. Hussani Ashraf Ashrafi of Kachucha Shariff in Uttar Pradesh, addressed the gathering and spoke on the life of Prophet Muhammed, Sufizam and life of Hazarath Kwaja Garibun Nawaz.

Prior to this, Hazarath Moulana Abdul Khayum Khadri, Khateeb-o-Imam of Masjid Showdal-ul-Badar (one minaret) on Azeez Sait Road, Shanthinagar and Hazarath Moulana Mohd. Asgar Ali Razvi, Khateeb-o-Imam of Masjid Jamiya on Irwin Road in Lashkar Mohalla were felicitated for their 25 years of Imamath service.

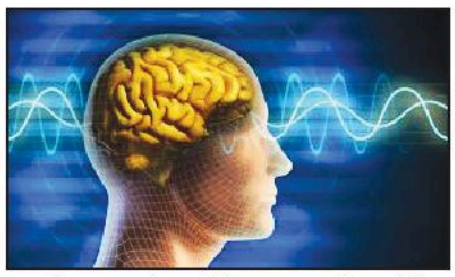
The function was anchored by Moulana Irshad Alam Ashrafi of Khateeb Masjid Rehamaniya in Mysuru South. Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi introduced the guests and felicitated them.

Moulana Shabeer Hussain Hasmathi, Moulana Mohd. Ali, Moulana Mohammed Imran Khan Misbahi, President of Majlees Ulma Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath Musthaq Ahmed Makbooli, Secretary Mohd. Younus Subhani, President of Jamiya Tipu Sultan Management Committee Mansoor Sait Kushali, Secretary Syed Younus, Abdul Majeed Ashrafi, former Corporator Suhail Baig, Ilyas Baig, Dr. Rafi Ahmed, social worker Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Cognoscente

Pronunciation: kahn-yuh-SHEN-tee.



Meaning: A person who has expert knowledge in a subject: connoisseur.

Origin: Cognoscente and connoisseur are more than synonyms; they're also linguistic cousins. Both terms descend from the Latin verb cognōscere, meaning "to know," and they're not alone. You might guess that cognizance and cognition are members of the cognōscere clan. Do you also recognize a family resemblance in recognize? Can you see through the disguise of incognito? Did you have a premonition that we would mention precognition? Cognoscente itself came to English by way of Italian and has been a part of the language since the late 1700s.

Example: "Liz Goldwyn is, in fact, a film-world royal—her grandfather was the Hollywood kingpin Samuel Goldwyn—not to mention a fashion-world darling and an art-world cognoscente." — Peter Haldeman

THE ODD WORD

Cabasset

Light iron helmet.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cat got your tongue?

Meaning: 'Has the cat got your tongue' is a light-hearted question addressed to someone who is inexplicably silent.

Origin: The origin of the phrase 'has the cat got your tongue?' isn't known. What is certain is that it isn't derived as a reference to the cat o' nine tails or people's tongues being fed to cats in ancient Egypt. Both of these have been suggested and there's no shred of evidence to support either of them.

'Cat got your tongue?' is the shortened form of the query 'Has the cat got your tongue?' and it is the short form that is more often used. It is somewhat archaic now but was in common use until the 1960/70s. It was directed at anyone who was quiet when they were expected to speak, and often to children who were being suspiciously unobtrusive.

There's no derivation that involves any actual cat or celebrated incident of feline theft. Like the blackbird that 'pecked off his nose', the phrase is just an example of the light-hearted imagery that is, or was, directed at children. The expression sounds as though it might be old but isn't especially so.

QUOTE BOX

Cats are connoisseurs of comfort. —**James Herriot**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HOROBOD

Answer :Robin Hood.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Indian Soc. of Mechanical Engineers
5 Restaurant for light refreshments
9 A run for the team but not for the batsman?
12 Highest point
13 "Dane" anagram for a famous port?
14 Horizontal Situation Indicator
15 Drink very quickly
16 Capital of Belgium
18 Rummier
20 Fight between two people
21 Unfeeling
24 Brit living abroad
27 American painter
31 Expression of disgust
32 Conceal
33 Specialized U.N. agency
34 Opera part
35 In-flight entertainment
36 False impression
38 A portion
41 Slippery customers!
42 Go bankrupt
44 Slight quarrels
48 Successfully obtain a position (4,4)
52 Sodium chloride
53 Greek Goddess of Night
54 Epic poetry
55 Group of three
56 Vane letters
57 French name
58 Coarse stiff hair

DOWN

1 Villain in Shakespeare's Othello
2 Potato
3 Merge, blend or combine
4 Cost
5 Lorry driver's compartment?
6 Amer. Depository Rcpt.
7 Vendetta
8 Follow
9 Chowpatty fare (4,4)
10 Fashion monogram
11 Electronic Instrument Sys.
17 Male or female?
19 Deep groove
22 Roman 1052
23 Bathing beauty
25 Exchange fee
26 Comparison word
27 Leather stick
28 Audio system (2-2)
29 An obsession (4,4)
30 Part to play
34 Helps
37 Ultimo, in short
39 Superior of a maj.
40 Mormon church leader
43 Inside information (slang)
45 Price of ride
46 Dart or move about swiftly
47 Grecian portico
48 Weather-report abbr.
49 Novelist Rand
50 Triumphed, was victorious
51 Natl. Stock Exchg.

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

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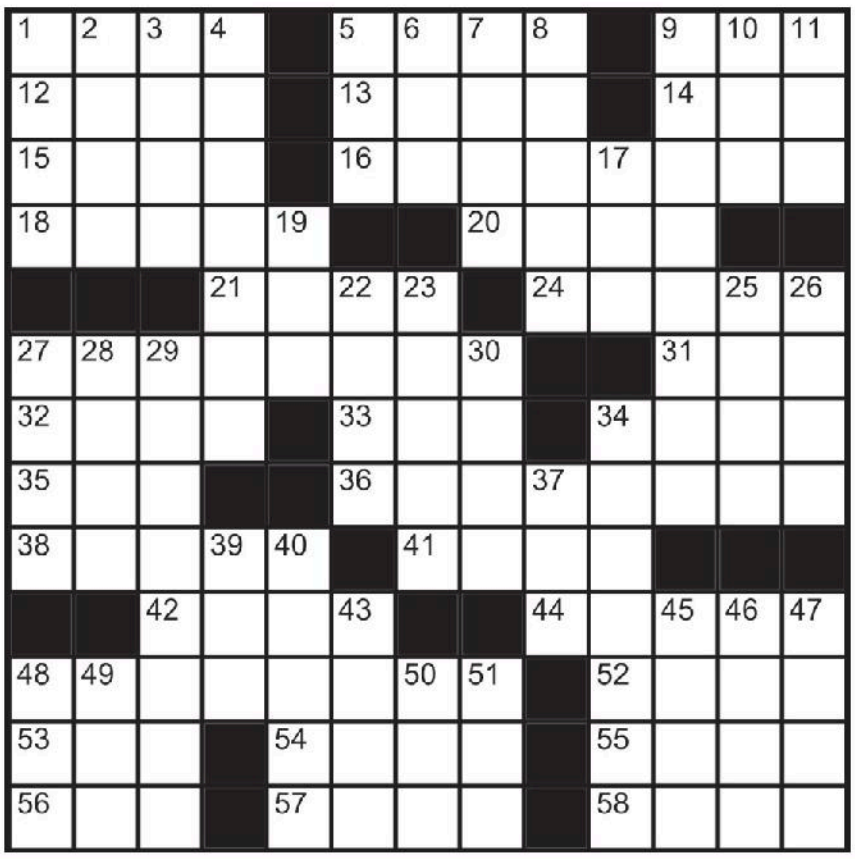

SUDOKO

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		8	7		5			

Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	5	8	6	7	4	2	3
6	7	2	5	4	3	8	1	9
4	8	3	2	9	1	5	6	7
7	4	1	9	5	2	3	8	6
9	2	8	1	3	6	7	4	5
3	5	6	7	8	4	1	9	2
2	3	9	4	7	8	6	5	1
5	6	4	3	1	9	2	7	8
8	1	7	6	2	5	9	3	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XT GPGQO IDQN DH SGTXYZ IG QGEDSTXRG DYQ

DIT QGCGEBGL BWDYSWBZ; BWGO EDKG UFEN BD

YZ IXBW F EGQBFXT FJXGTFBGL KFCGZBO.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS I

Saturday's Cryptoquip: Those who can laugh without cause have either found the true meaning of happiness or have gone stark raving mad.

Webinar on 'Amazing Abilities of Unstoppable Achievers'

Preethi Srinivasan

Mysuru, Mar. 1- Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) has organised a Webinar Series on 'Amazing Abilities of Unstoppable Achievers' on Mar. 4 between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

The fourth webinar in the series features Preethi Srinivasan, a writer, poet, mouth painter and a social changemaker serving those affected by spinal cord injuries through her organisation 'SoulFree.'

Interested can register on this *link: https://forms.gle/rLsgNvHTwGYX7Sxo8.* For details, contact Mamatha on Mob: 95900-91177.

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Check (Te)	(S-1)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 6.50, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	10.15 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am
Chakra (Ta)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm
Cyanide Mallika (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
The Marksman (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Operation Java (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Kushka (K)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
The Vigil (E)	(S-3)	7.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	2.05 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Pogaru (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 5.15 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	9.00 pm
Tom and Jerry (E)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 7.00 pm
Cyanide Mallika (K)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Check (Te)	(S-2)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Salt (K)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
Preman (K)	(S-3)	11.50 am
Kushka (K)	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Operation Java (Ma)	(S-3)	9.15 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ambani Putra (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Check (Te)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-2)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 11 am
Angulika (Te)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 3 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 5 pm, 8.15 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Mumbai City clinches League Winners Shield after beating ATKMB

Bambolim/ Margao, Mar. 1- Mumbai City FC finished the league stage of the 2020-21 Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) as leaders and clinched the League Winners Shield after a 2-0 win against ATK Mohun Bagan (ATKMB) at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim yesterday.

In what was the last game of the league stage, headed goals from Mourtada Fall and Bartholomew Ogbeche in the first half were enough for the Islanders to secure the win. With this victory, Mumbai City FC also secured a place in next year's AFC Champions League group stage.

Mumbai City FC celebrates after collecting the Hero ISL League Winners Shield. [Pic. courtesy: Internet]

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Mourtada Fall (Mumbai City); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Ahmed Jahouh (Mumbai).

In the first game of the day yesterday, FC Goa became the fourth and last team to qualify for the semi-finals of Hero ISL 2020-21 after a 0-0 draw with Hyderabad FC at the Fatorda Stadium.

Hyderabad went into the match needing a win to make the semis, but Goa ensured that they kept a clean sheet to earn a crucial point that cemented a top-four league stage finish for the Gaurs.

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Adil Khan (FC Goa); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Edu Bedia (FC Goa).

The semi-finals will begin from Mar. 5 — Goa Vs Mumbai City, NorthEast United Vs ATK Mohun Bagan, Mumbai City Vs Goa and ATK Mohun Bagan — and final will be held on Mar. 13.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR. 1)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Ministry of Textile (Department of Handicraft), Government of India, New Delhi:** Craft Bazaar, JSS Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Estate, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.15 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru:** Talk by Pujya Swami Chidananda of Fowai Forum, Mumbai, on 'Shivanandalahari' composed by Adi Shankaracharya in Kannada, Ramana Jnana Kendra, Adichunchanagiri Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Padayatra Seva Trust:** Maha Shivarathri, commencing *padayatra* from Mysuru to Dharmasthala, Puja, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, **7.30 pm.** [Mob: 99453-61300 or 94811-69818]
- **Sanchalana Children's Theatre Festival**

Sanchalana Mysore, Mysuru and Karnataka Balavikas Academy, Dharwad: Sanchalana Children's Theatre Festival, *Kamsale* and *Puja Kunita* by Sanjeevamurthy and team; Inauguration of the Theatre Festival, MLA G.T. Devegowda, MLC A.H. Vishwanath, Karnataka Balavikas Academy Chairman Iranna Jadi, H.D. Kote and Nanjangud Taluk BEO S. Revanna, M.C. Thalalu Government High School Head Master A. Raju and Deepak Mysore of Sanchalana will be present; Staging of Bolwar Mahammad Kunhi's play 'Paapu - Baapu' by students of Saragur's M.C. Thalalu Government High School (Director: Deepak Mysore), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR. 2)

- **Kashmir Festival:** Exhibition-cum-sale of Kashmir's traditional art, craft and textiles, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Taluk Panchayat:** KDP (Karnataka Development Programme) progress review meeting, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah will be present, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) auditorium, **10.30 am.**
- **Sanchalana Mysore, Mysuru and Karnataka Balavikas Academy, Dharwad:** Sanchalana Children's Theatre Festival, folk songs by M.C. Arun and troupe; Staging of Horeyala Doreswamy's play 'Midichambhatta' by students of Drushya Trust, Melukote (Director: K.R. Girish, Melukote), D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu, Mysore University Syndicate Member Dr. Damodar Nayak, Purshutham of Government College-Mysuru, former Corporator N. Dhruvaraj, Youth Congress Block Vice-President S. Sharath and Sanchalana Mysore President Deepak Mysore will be present, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
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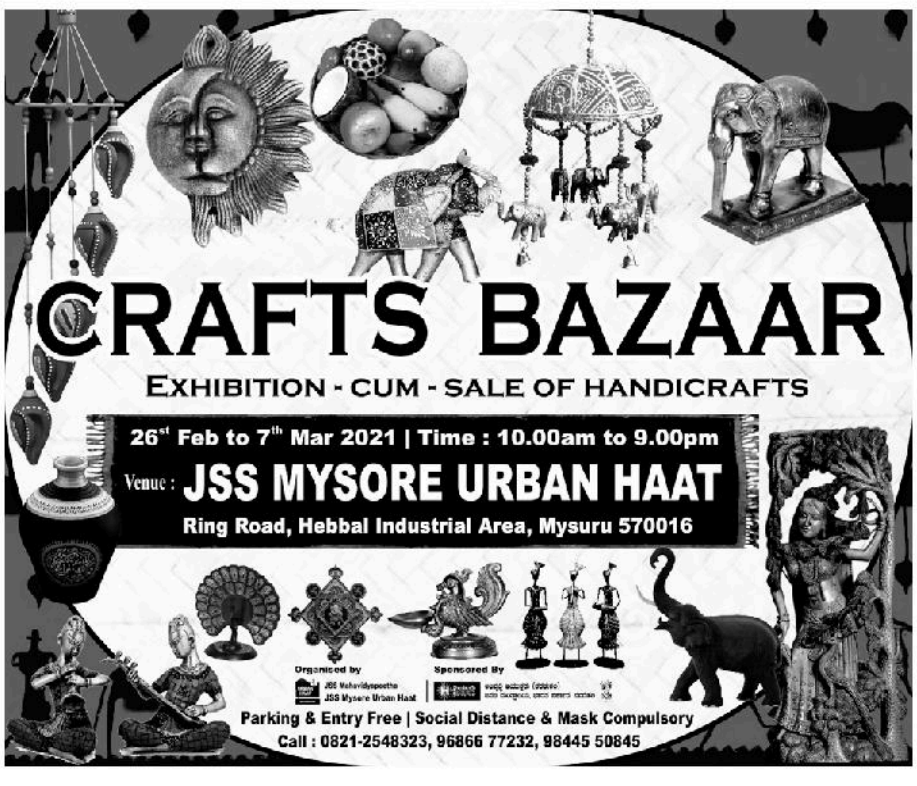
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